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Moot Court Competition -
UD LAW SCHOOL TEAM
PLACES THIRD IN NATION

DAYTON, Ohio, December 21, 1976 -- The University of Dayton School of Law's moot court team tied for third place in the nation out of a field of 250 teams from 150 law schools in the National Moot Court championship Wednesday, December 15 in New York.

The oral advocates were Michael Anderson and James Rice, both third year students. Their topic was the state regulation of corporate tender offers. The brief was written by Fred Ramos, a second Year student. This was the first year of competition for Ramos and the second for Anderson and Rice.

The team formally debated their topic nine times but that does not include the "thousands of times in planes, busses on the way to the competition and in practice sessions at home," said Michael Anderson, adding, "It takes a phenomenal amount of work."

None of the team members had taken a securities course. When the topic, the same for each school, was given in August, there followed a month of research just to become familiar with the field before narrowing the focus on one aspect of the subject.

Regional competition following November 2 from which the UD team emerged first out of a field of 25. Victories over the University of California, Hastings, and Washington University at St. Louis Tuesday, December 14, gave the UD team its third place berth.

There is no way the team can memorize its legal footwork. "They try to make it as much like arguing a case before the Supreme Court as possible," says Anderson, "which includes questions from the judges. The questions in New York were coming from securities lawyers on Wall Street."

The Wednesday loss to the University of Tennessee in a close competition gave the UD team its third-place berth. The Tennessee team finished first. Duke was second and UD tied with the University of Richmond for third place.

Ramos and Rice have not decided on which area of law they will specialize. Anderson is aiming for a career in corporate law and believes the securities research will be valuable. "It also looks good on a resume, but most important, its good for the school. Everyone in New York was suprised that a team from a new law school had gone this far," he said.